

What is claimed is:

1. A method for use in a system comprising a host device  
5 and at least one peripheral device which are enabled  
to interact with each other, said method comprising:  
transmitting information indicative of a time  
required for an initialization of said at least one  
peripheral device from said at least one peripheral  
10 device to said host device; and  
evaluating in said host device said information  
indicative of a time required by said at least one  
peripheral device for an initialization.
- 15 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said  
information indicative of a time required for an  
initialization of said at least one peripheral device  
is an information indicative of a time required for  
an initialization of said at least one peripheral  
20 device at a maximum under regular circumstances.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said at  
least one peripheral device transmits said  
information to said host device upon a predetermined  
25 command received from said host device.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said host  
device evaluates said information for adapting a  
polling frequency which is to be employed for polling  
30 said at least one peripheral device on whether said  
at least one peripheral device has completed an  
initialization.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one peripheral device comprises at least two peripheral devices, each transmitting information indicative of a time required for its own initialization to said host device, wherein said information is combined to information indicating a time which is required at the most by any of said at least two peripheral devices for its respective initialization, and wherein said host device evaluates said combined information.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one peripheral device is a memory card.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said system is a MultiMediaCard system defined in a MultiMediaCard Association standard.
8. The method according to claim 7, wherein said at least one peripheral device transmits said information to said host device upon receipt of a CMD1 command from said host device, which CMD1 command is defined in said MultiMediaCard Association standard.
9. The method according to claim 7, wherein said at least one peripheral device retrieves said information from an operating condition register (OCR) of said at least one peripheral device, which operating condition register stores data as defined in said MultiMediaCard Association standard and in addition said information.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein said at least one peripheral device transmits said information in an R3 response to said host device, which R3 response includes data as defined in said MultiMediaCard Association standard and in addition said information.
11. A host device comprising:  
an interface for interacting with at least one peripheral device; and  
a control component for receiving from at least one peripheral device via said interface an information indicative of a time required at said at least one peripheral device for an initialization and for evaluating a received information indicative of a time required at at least one peripheral device for an initialization.
12. A peripheral device comprising:  
an interface for interacting with a host device;  
a storing component storing information indicative of a time required at said peripheral device for a respective initialization; and  
a controlling component for retrieving information indicative of a time required at said peripheral device for a respective initialization from said storing component and for transmitting said information via said interface to a host device.
13. A system comprising a host device and at least one peripheral device,  
said at least one peripheral device including:  
a first interface for interacting with said host device;

a storing component storing information indicative of a time required at said at least one peripheral device for a respective initialization; and

5 a controlling component for retrieving information indicative of a time required at said at least one peripheral device for a respective initialization from said storing component and for transmitting said information via said first interface to said host device;

10 and said host device including:

a second interface for interacting with said at least one peripheral device; and

15 a control component for receiving from said at least one peripheral device via said second interface an information indicative of a time required at said at least one peripheral device for an initialization and for evaluating a received information indicative of a time required at said at least one peripheral device for an initialization.

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14. A software program product in which a software code for use in a system comprising a host device and at least one peripheral device which are enabled to interact with each other is stored, said software  
25 code realizing the following steps when running in a processing unit of said host device:

receiving information indicative of a time required by said at least one peripheral device for an initialization; and

30 evaluating said information indicative of a time required by said at least one peripheral device for an initialization.

15. A software program product in which a software code  
for use in a system comprising a host device and at  
least one peripheral device which are enabled to  
interact with each other is stored, said software  
5 code realizing the following steps when running in a  
processing unit of a peripheral device of said  
system:

retrieving information indicative of a time  
required for an initialization of said peripheral  
10 device from a storage component; and

causing a transmission of information indicative  
of a time required for an initialization of said  
peripheral device to said host device.

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